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AL-AKHBAR: U.S. WILL PAY PRICE FOR AIDING ISRAEL

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(FROM THE PRESS REVIEW: AL-AKHBAR EDITORIAL)

(TEXT) UNDER THE HEADLINE "AMERICA WILL PAY THE PRICE," AL-AKHBAR WRITES: THERE ARE CONFIRMED REPORTS THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS MOVED QUICKLY IN AN ATTEMPT TO BOLSTER ISRAEL IN ITS WAR AGAINST THE ARABS, WHO ONLY WANT TO RETRIEVE THEIR LANDS. THIS SUPPORT HAS TAKEN THE FORM OF MORE CONSIGNMENTS OF PHANTOMS AND OTHER MILITARY EQUIPMENTS TO ISRAEL AND HELP IN THE MOBILIZATION OF AMERICAN MILITARY PERSONNEL TO FIGHT ALONGSIDE THE ISRAELI ARMY.

A FACT THAT THE UNITED STATES MUST KNOW, THE PAPER ADDS, IS THAT THIS ACTION BY THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT ONLY MAKE ITS FACE UGLIER IN THE EYES OF THE ENTIRE ARAB PEOPLE AT THIS TIME WHEN THEY ARE FIGHTING THEIR BATTLE OF DESTINY AND WILL NOT ONLY EXPOSE THE AMERICAN INTERESTS TO GRAVEST DANGERS BUT WILL ALSO COMPLETELY FAIL TO HALT THE ARAB MARCH OR PREVENT THE ARABS FROM ACHIEVING VICTORY.

IF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WANTS ANY PROOF OF WHAT WE SAY, THE PAPER ADDS, THE PROOFS ARE ABUNDANT AND CAN BE FOUND IN THE EXPERIENCE OF THE MIDDLE EAST ITSELF. THE PAPER SAYS THAT THE FORMIDABLE BAR-LEV LINE, ON WHICH ISRAEL SPEND \$238 MILLION OF AMERICA'S MONEY, CERTAINLY FAILED TO WITHSTAND THE MARCH OF THE VALIANT EGYPTIAN FORCES AND COLLAPSED IN JUST 1 DAY. THE ISRAELIS AND THE AMERICAN EXPERTS HAVE ALWAYS DESCRIBED IT AS UNPENETRATABLE.

THE AMERICAN PHANTOM PLANES THAT ISRAEL CONSIDERED AS ITS MOST DESTRUCTIVE TOOLS AGAINST THE ARABS WERE NOT ABLE TO PREVENT OUR VALIANT SOLDIERS FROM CROSSING THE SUEZ CANAL, THE BIGGEST BARRIER IN THE WORLD AS THE ISRAELIS DESCRIBED IT. THE PHANTOMS ARE NOW FALLING IN GREAT NUMBERS UNDER THE BLOBS OF THE ARAB FIGHTER PLANES AND THE AIR DEFENSE APPARATUSES OF EGYPT AND SYRIA. WHAT IS SAID ABOUT THE PHANTOM ALSO APPLIES TO ALL THE OTHER ELECTRONIC WAR EQUIPMENT THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS SUPPLIED TO ISRAEL.

CONCLUDING, THE PAPER SAYS THAT ALL THIS PROVIDES PROOF THAT WHATEVER THE FLOW OF AMERICAN AIRCRAFT AND WEAPONS, THIS WILL NOT FRIGHTEN THE ARABS AND WILL NOT STOP THEIR MARCH TO LIBERATE THEIR LAND AND WILL NOT PREVENT THEM ACHIEVING VICTORY.

BUT AT THE SAME TIME, THIS ACTION IS A SERIOUS ADVENTURE BY THE UNITED STATES, FOR WHICH IT WILL HAVE TO PAY HIGHLY AT THE EXPENSE OF ITS INTERESTS IN THE ARAB AREA.

LET THE UNITED STATES REMEMBER THE LESSON OF VIETNAM. LET IT ALSO REMEMBER THAT THIS AREA IS A HUNDRED TIMES MORE DANGEROUS THAN VIETNAM AS FAR AS AMERICAN INTERESTS, AND PARTICULARLY THE AMERICAN OIL INTERESTS, ARE CONCERNED.

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